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Enclosed for filing is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BACKGROUND ADJUSTMENT
IN COLOR REPRODUCTION DEVICES

This application is a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. 60/233,909 filed September 20, 2000.

Prior application info: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit _____

Applicant requests FIG. ____ to be published with the application.

Enclosures:

- ☒ Specification (pages 1-7); claims (pages 8-10); abstract (page 11)
- ☒ 4 sheets of FORMAL drawings
- ☒ Declaration or Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
- ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- ☐ Incorporation by Reference--The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Deletion of Inventors (signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☒ Assignment with cover sheet

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- ☐ Certified copy of priority document
- ☐ Request for Nonpublication
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449
- ☒ Copies of references listed on attached Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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| Independent Claims | 3-3 | 0 | x \$ 80 = | |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | | | x \$270 = | |
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- ☐ Cancel in this divisional application original claims _____ of the prior application Serial No. _____ before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
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